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SUBJECT: FBI DIRECTOR FREEH'S VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES

CLASSIFIED BY V. MANUEL ROCHA, CHARGE. REASONS: 1.5  
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1. (U) SUMMARY: FBI DIRECTOR FREEH DISCUSSED A WIDE RANGE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: OSCAR J OLSON  
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(B), 1.4(D)  
DECLASSIFY AFTER: 27 MAY 2023  
DATE/CASE ID: 17 NOV 2011 200705645

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OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES WITH SENIOR ARGENTINE LEADERS DURING HIS MAY 11-13 VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES. FREEH MET WITH PRESIDENT MENEM, MINISTER OF INTERIOR CORACH, MINISTER OF JUSTICE GRANILLO OCAMPO, SECRETARY OF INTELLIGENCE ANZORREGUY, DRUG CZAR AMADEO, AS WELL AS ALL THE SENIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. THE GOA OFFICIALS EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FBI AND ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES. THE DIRECTOR ALSO GAVE A MAJOR SPEECH AT THE CASA ROSADA DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. END SUMMARY.

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AMIA MEETING  
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6. (SBU) THE DIRECTOR PAID AN EMOTIONAL VISIT TO THE SITE OF THE AMIA BOMBING, LAYING A WREATH AND TOURING THE AREA. FREEH THEN WENT TO HEADQUARTERS OF THE DELEGATION OF ARGENTINE-ISRAELI ASSOCIATIONS (DAIA) TO SPEAK WITH LEADERS OF THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY. DAIA PRESIDENT RUBEN BERAJA WELCOMED THE DIRECTOR, NOTING THE IMPORTANT SYMBOLISM OF HIS VISIT TO THE AMIA SITE. THE DIRECTOR EXPRESSED HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY AND TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF VICTIMS OF BOTH ATTACKS WHO WERE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. HE PLEDGED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE FBI WOULD REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR ANY

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FURTHER COOPERATION NECESSARY. HE WARNED THAT TERRORIST  
CASES WERE VERY COMPLICATED AND THAT IT WAS ALMOST  
IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHEN, IF EVER, THEY WOULD CONCLUDE.  
BERAJA RAISED REPORTS THAT THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT HAD  
TOLD THE GOA THAT IT HAD HEARD OF A POSSIBILITY OF AN

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ATTACK PRIOR TO THE AMIA BOMBING. FREEH WAS UNAWARE OF  
ANY SUCH RUSSIAN REPORT.

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7. (SBU) BERAJA ASKED IF A TERRORIST NETWORK EXISTED IN  
LATIN AMERICA. FREEH SAID YES. BERAJA EXPLAINED THAT  
MERCOSUR WAS NOT JUST A TRADE AGREEMENT. THE MEMBER  
NATIONS ALSO HAD A DUTY TO UPHOLD THE LAW AND PROTECT  
THEIR CITIZENS' WELFARE. HE ADVISED FREEH THAT A  
BRAZILIAN CITIZEN NAMED WILSON DOS SANTOS, WHO SEEMED TO  
HAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE AMIA CASE,  
REMAINS AT LARGE. DOS SANTOS REPORTEDLY TOLD THE  
ARGENTINE CONSULATE IN MILAN OF A PLANNED ATTACK IN  
ARGENTINA WEEKS BEFORE THE AMIA BOMBING. FREEH SAID HE  
WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE IN BRASILIA THE NEXT DAY.

8. (SBU) A FAMILY MEMBER ASKED WHAT THE FBI COULD DO IN  
AN INVESTIGATION IN ARGENTINA. FREEH EXPLAINED THE LEGAL  
RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THE BUREAU REGARDING FOREIGN  
POLICE COOPERATION INVESTIGATIONS. OSCAR HANSMAN,  
PRESIDENT OF AMIA, ASKED IF THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES ARE  
BETTER PREPARED FOR ANOTHER SUCH ATTACK. FREEH SAID HE  
HAD RAISED THIS WITH HIS OFFICIAL HOSTS. HE BELIEVED THE  
GOA RESPONSE WOULD BE BETTER TODAY THAN IT WAS IN THE  
PAST. HE SAID THE FBI WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER  
IMMEDIATE FORENSIC ASSISTANCE. THE BEST PREVENTION WOULD  
BE CONTINUED CLOSE BILATERAL COOPERATION.

JUDGE GALEANO  
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9. (SBU) AMIA INVESTIGATOR JUDGE JUAN GALEANO THANKED  
FREEH FOR THE FBI'S ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS

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CASE. HE REMARKED THAT THE USE OF INTELLIGENCE MATERIALS  
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HAS BEEN CRUCIAL IN HIS INVESTIGATION. FREEH SAID THAT  
HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AMIA  
CASE. GALEANO BELIEVED THAT HE COULD ADVANCE HIS  
INVESTIGATION EVEN FURTHER IF THE FBI WERE TO ASSIGN  
ANOTHER AGENT TO BUENOS AIRES TO WORK FULL TIME ON THE  
AMIA CASE AND RELATED COUNTER-TERRORISM ISSUES.

JUSTICE MINISTER GRANILLO OCAMPO  
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